

## Rebuild America 2001 Energy Champion Awards Entry Form

At its National Forum 2001, the Rebuild America program will recognize excellence among its partnerships and partners through the Energy Champion Awards.

Participants in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Rebuild America, including individuals and organizations representing partnerships and local partners are eligible entrants. While "nominations" are not necessary for this year's competition, they will be accepted. **The deadline for entries is February 1, 2001.** The 10 categories for the 2001 Energy Champion Awards are as follows:

1. Partnership of the Year
2. Partnership Leader of the Year
3. Business Partner of the Year
4. State Partnership Program
5. Commercial Buildings
6. K-12 Schools
7. Universities and Colleges
8. Local Government
9. Public and Affordable Housing
10. Native American Partnership

### How to Enter

- Respond to the questionnaire for the appropriate award category. You may enter in up to three categories. Adjust the space allotted on the form to accommodate your responses. Taken collectively, your responses should not exceed 850 words.
- It will not be possible to submit an entry electronically. Entries should include relevant supplementary materials such as photographs, outreach materials, letters of commendation, news clippings, etc. Photo prints, slides and digital photos on disk or CD are all acceptable. Each copy of an entry must include an identical set of supplementary materials.
- All entries become the property of the U.S. Department of Energy and will not be returned.

### Evaluation Approach

The 2001 Energy Champion Awards recognize accomplishments and activities that substantially occurred from January 1 – December 31, 2000. A panel of judges will be appointed to evaluate the entries using a point system. Each of the 10 award categories is worth a maximum of 40 points. Each entrant will be judged on a total of four criteria. The entrant in each award category who scores the highest number of points will win the award for that category.

**Send four copies of your completed entry form(s) and four copies of your supplementary materials to: Maureen O'Brien, Potomac Communications Group, 2025 M Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20036. Questions? E-mail [mobrien@pcgpr.com](mailto:mobrien@pcgpr.com) or phone 202-466-7391.**

## ENERGY CHAMPION AWARD CATEGORIES

### *Partnership Leader of the Year*

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Designated leader or main representative of a Rebuild America partnership.

#### **Criteria:**

- **Leadership and Commitment** [10 points] - What steps has the individual taken to shape and lead the partnership toward its goals? How does this person's activities demonstrate a commitment to community improvement through energy efficiency?
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the individual encountered and overcome in their efforts to build an effective partnership and implement energy-saving measures? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
- **Partnership Progress/Improvement** [10] - How has the partnership progressed or improved as a result of this individual's efforts? How has this person made a difference in their community?
  
- **Results** – [10] Indicate gains for the partnership this person leads. Include measurable metrics where possible, e.g. square footage retrofitted, energy and dollars saved, emissions avoided, and dollars invested. Nonquantifiable indicators of success should also be addressed.

## Partnership of the Year

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Designated Rebuild America partnerships.

### Criteria:

- **Partnership Progress/Improvement** [10 points] – How has the partnership progressed and improved since its inception?
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the partnership encountered and overcome in an effort to grow in strategic directions and implement energy-saving measures? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
- **Community Improvement/Contributions** [10] – How has this partnership made a difference in its community? How has the community benefited?
  
- **Results** [10] – Indicate gains the partnership has produced. Include measurable metrics where possible, e.g. square footage retrofitted, energy and dollars saved, emissions avoided, and dollars invested. Nonquantifiable indicators of success should also be addressed.

***Business Partner of the Year***

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Designated Rebuild America Business Partner organizations.

**Criteria:**

- **Commitment to Rebuild America** [10 points] – How has the Business Partner demonstrated a commitment to the program?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Program/Partnership Contribution** [10] – What specific contributions has the Business Partner made to the Rebuild America program or to specific partnerships?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Value (tangible/intangible) of Service(s) Provided** [10] – Describe how the Business Partner's contribution brought value to the program or to a partnership(s). How did the program or partnership benefit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Results** [10] – Describe any program, partnership or environmental gains (e.g. dollars and energy saved, emissions reduced, if applicable) that have resulted from the Business Partner's involvement in Rebuild America.

***State Partnership Program Award***

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Partnerships operated by a state government department or agency, such as a state energy office.

**Criteria:**

- **Leadership and Commitment** [10 points] - What steps has the partnership taken to shape and lead an effective statewide partnership program? How has this partnership demonstrated a commitment to helping partnerships and the program succeed?
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the partnership encountered and overcome in its efforts to create an effective statewide partnership network? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
- **Partnership Development/Support** [10] – How has the state partnership contributed to helping partnerships in its state develop, grow and succeed?
  
- **Results** [10] – How effective has the state partnership been in helping to form successful partnerships, or in facilitating building energy-efficiency improvements (depending on the state partnership’s focus)? Indicate gains the state has made overall with the Rebuild America program that can be attributed in part to activities of the state partnership. Include nonquantifiable indicators of success and measurable metrics, if applicable.

*Commercial Buildings Award*

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Rebuild America partnerships and partner organizations active in reducing energy consumption in commercial buildings.

**Criteria:**

- **Partnership Progress/Improvement** [10 points] – How has the partnership progressed and improved since its inception?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the partnership encountered and overcome in an effort to grow in strategic directions and implement energy-saving measures? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Community Improvement/Contributions** [10] – In what ways has the community benefited from the partnership’s activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Results** [10] – Indicate gains the partnership has achieved. Include measurable metrics where possible, e.g. square footage retrofitted, energy and dollars saved, emissions avoided, and dollars invested. Nonquantifiable indicators of success should also be addressed.

***K-12 Schools Award***

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Rebuild America partnerships and partner organizations active in making energy-saving improvements to K-12 Schools.

**Criteria:**

- **Partnership Progress/Improvement** [10 points] – How has the partnership progressed and improved since its inception?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the partnership encountered and overcome in an effort to grow in strategic directions and save energy in schools? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Community Improvement/Contributions** [10] – In what ways has the community benefited from the partnership’s activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Results** [10] – Indicate gains the partnership has achieved. Include measurable metrics where possible, e.g. square footage retrofitted, energy and dollars saved, emissions avoided, and dollars invested. Nonquantifiable indicators of success should also be addressed.

*Universities and Colleges Award*

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Rebuild America partnerships and partner organizations active in energy-saving efforts on behalf of buildings in the higher education sector.

**Criteria:**

- **Partnership Progress/Improvement** [10 points] – How has the partnership progressed and improved since its inception?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the partnership encountered and overcome in an effort to grow in strategic directions and implement energy-saving measures? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Community Improvement/Contributions** [10] – How have the university or college and the community as a whole benefited from the partnership’s activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Results** [10] – Indicate gains the partnership has achieved. Include measurable metrics where possible, e.g. square footage retrofitted, energy and dollars saved, emissions avoided, and dollars invested. Nonquantifiable indicators of success should also be addressed.



***Local Government Award***

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Rebuild America partnerships and partner organizations active in saving energy in local government facilities.

**Criteria:**

- **Partnership Progress/Improvement** [10 points] – How has the partnership progressed and improved since its inception?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the partnership encountered and overcome in an effort to grow in strategic directions and implement energy-saving measures? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Community Improvement/Contributions** [10] – In what ways has the community benefited from the partnership’s activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Results** [10] – Indicate gains the partnership has achieved. Include measurable metrics where possible, e.g. square footage retrofitted, energy and dollars saved, emissions avoided, and dollars invested. Nonquantifiable indicators of success should also be addressed.

*Public and Affordable Housing Award*

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Rebuild America partnerships and partner organizations active in improving public and/or affordable housing through energy efficiency.

**Criteria:**

- **Partnership Progress/Improvement** [10 points] – How has the partnership progressed and improved since its inception?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the partnership encountered and overcome in an effort to grow in strategic directions and implement energy-saving measures in public or affordable housing? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Community Improvement/Contributions** [10] – In what ways have public housing residents and the larger community benefited from the partnership’s activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Results** [10] – Indicate gains the partnership has achieved. Include measurable metrics where possible, e.g. square footage retrofitted, energy and dollars saved, emissions avoided, and dollars invested. Nonquantifiable indicators of success should also be addressed.

*Native American Partnership Award*

**Name of Entrant/Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:** Rebuild America partnerships and partner organizations that work with Native American tribes.

**Criteria:**

- **Partnership Progress/Improvement** [10 points] – How has the partnership progressed and improved since its inception?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Challenges and Solutions** [10] - What challenges has the partnership encountered and overcome in an effort to grow in strategic directions and implement an action plan? Indicate any innovative solutions employed.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Community Improvement/Contributions** [10] – In what ways have Native American tribes benefited from the partnership's activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Results** [10] – Indicate gains the partnership has achieved. Include measurable metrics where possible, e.g. square footage retrofitted, energy and dollars saved, emissions avoided, and dollars invested. Nonquantifiable indicators of success should also be addressed.